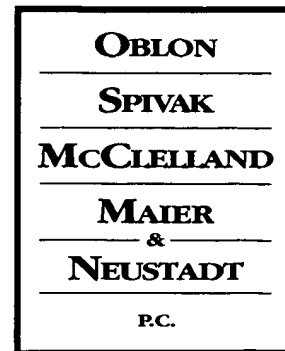




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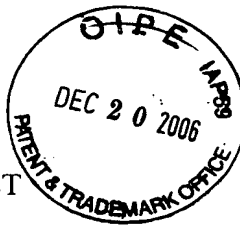
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As set forth in the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification, it appears that the Patent Office only has Figures 1-6 for this application. In response to this Notice, Applicants enclose a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the filing of Figures 1-35 at the time of filing the application. A copy of Figures 1-35 is also enclosed for your convenience.

It is believed that the date-stamped filing receipt enclosed herewith clearly proves that all Figures 1-35 were filed with this application. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification was issued in error.

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Withdrawal of this notice is respectfully requested.

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